



News From

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BROOKS NAMES CRIME LAB ADVISORY TEAM

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that she has created a Crime Lab Advisory Team. This team of public safety professionals and community leaders will serve as Brooks' principal advisors on future plans for the Monroe County Crime Lab (Public Safety Laboratory).

The Crime Lab Advisory Team has been asked to evaluate the current Lab and provide recommendations in three areas: location, design and funding.

"The Crime Lab is a critically important resource in assisting law enforcement and ensuring the safety of our community," said Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. *"To meet the increased demands being placed on the Lab, we need to provide a new, up-to-date, state-of-the-art facility with sufficient resources and space to serve the eight county region."*

Brooks announced that Steve Bowman, Monroe County Public Safety Director, will Chair the Crime Lab Advisory Team.

The members Brooks appointed to serve on the Crime Lab Advisory Team are:

Mark Ballerstein, Monroe County Engineering Operations Manager

Steve Bowman, Monroe County Public Safety Director

Bill Carpenter, Monroe County Budget Director

Robert Duffy, City of Rochester Police Chief

Janet Glocker, Academic Vice President at MCC

Michael Green, Monroe County District Attorney

Rick Hannon, Assistant to Mayor William Johnson

Mike Lawandus, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Gary Mervis, Camp Good Days & Special Times and Project Exile

Jim Mulley, Senior Deputy County Attorney

Patrick O'Flynn, Monroe County Sheriff

Bradley Tyler, Assistant U.S. Attorney

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The Monroe County Public Safety Laboratory (MCPSL) is a regional crime laboratory serving law enforcement agencies throughout Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates counties. The mission of the lab is to provide high quality scientific analysis of forensic evidence for law enforcement and public safety agencies. The laboratory is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors – Laboratory Accreditation Board, and provides forensic services in the areas of Biology and DNA, Firearms, Trace Analysis, Fire Debris, and Controlled Substances.

In addition to scientific analysis, the laboratory provides written reports of findings, and expert testimony in courts of law. The Public Safety Laboratory partners with law enforcement and community groups in initiatives such as Project Exile to help remove guns and drugs from the community. The laboratory also provides forensic consultation and training regarding the collection, examination and use of physical evidence in the judicial system to all the law enforcement agencies it serves.

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